

# WICHITA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## POLICY NO. 710

<b>SUBJECT: RADIO SIGNALS AND CODES</b>	
<b>Effective Date: 9/18/2019</b>	<b>Distribution: All Personnel</b>
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<i>This policy is for departmental use only and does not apply in any criminal or civil proceeding. This policy should not be construed as creation of a higher legal standard of safety or care in an evidentiary sense with respect to third party claims. Violations of this policy will only form the basis for departmental administrative sanctions. Violations of law will form the basis for civil and criminal sanctions in a recognized judicial setting</i>	

### I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish a uniform plain talk; to define signals and codes for radio communication and provide general guidelines for responding or initiating calls for service. Department employees shall use plain talk in their radio communication.

### II. POLICY

Wichita Police Department will utilize uniform plain talk dispatch and approved signals and codes to provide safe, efficient, and expeditious communication between officers, dispatchers, employees and other agencies

### III. PROCEDURES

#### A. General Guidelines

1. All officers will be required to be familiar with all signals, codes and recommended plain talk.
  - a. All radio communications between officers and dispatchers will be made in plain talk, except for Section (C).
  - b. Codes and signals will remain in this policy to assist with the transition to plain talk. After April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020, the codes and signals in section (B) will be removed.

#### B. Plain Talk Requirements

Current Codes	Description	Recommended Plain Talk
10-1	Receiving poorly	Unable to copy
10-2	Receiving well	Clear
10-6	Busy	Unavailable

10-7	Out of service	Out of service
10-9	Repeat	Repeat
10-10	Out of service subject to call	Available for call at _____
10-13	Weather or road conditions	Weather information
10-14	Convoy or escort	Transporting
10-15	Prisoner escort	Prisoner escort / in custody
10-17	Nothing for you	Nothing for you
10-18	Anything for us	Anything for us
10-19	Return or go by	Respond to / go by
10-20	Location	Location
10-21	Call by phone	Call me at _____
10-22	Disregard	Disregard / discontinue
10-23	On scene	On scene / arrived
10-24	Finished with last assignment	Finished with last assignment
10-27	Check DL	Check DL
10-28	Check vehicle registration	Check a tag/license
10-29	Check for wanted or stolen	Check a tag/license
10-30	Does not conform to rules	Does not conform to rules
10-32	Vehicle chase	In pursuit
10-33	Emergency traffic	Emergency traffic
10-36	No further assistance needed	No assistance needed
10-37	No rush	Non-Emergency response
10-39	Emergency response	Emergency response
10-40	Fatality report	Fatality
10-41	Start a tow truck	Start a tow truck
10-42	At home	At my residence
10-43	Meet _____ at _____	Meet _____ at _____
10-44	Investigate unoccupied vehicle	Unoccupied vehicle check
10-45	Investigate occupied vehicle	Vehicle check / traffic stop
10-46	Drunk driver	Intoxicated driver
10-47	Noninjury accident	Non-Injury Accident
10-48	Injury accident	Injury Accident
10-55	Body recovered	Body recovered
10-77	No contact at all	No contact
10-80	Pick up your partner	Pick up your partner
10-83	Unit at station	Unit at station
10-86	Advise correct time	Advise correct time
10-87	At range	At range
10-88	Medical advisor to monitor patch frequency	Does not pertain to PD/SO
10-89	Request medical advisor on all hospital channel	Does not pertain to PD/SO
10-98	Riot or mass disturbance	Riot or mass disturbance
<b>Current Codes</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Recommended Plain Talk</b>
10-99	Jailbreak	Jailbreak
Code 10	Switch to SPIDER	Switching to SPIDER
Code 25	Hostage situation	Hostage situation
Code 26	Bomb Threat	Bomb Threat
Signal 10	Incident (case) number	Incident (case) number
Signal 20	Silent dispatch	Silent dispatch
Signal 30	Not wanted	No wants

Signal 32x	Wanted and dangerous	Give specifics on wants/warrants
Signal 34	Registered sex offender	Registered sex offender
Signal 36	Juvenile at risk (trafficking)	Juvenile at risk (trafficking)
602	Lunch (WPD)	Lunch

### C. Required Signals and Codes:

1. While all radio communications should be plain talk, the department recognizes situations exist requiring officers to communicate with other officers using signals and codes.
  - a. Officers will be required to use signals and codes in all of the following situations:

10 Codes	Description
10-4	Acknowledge
10-8	In service
10-12	Visitors/others present

Codes	Description
Code 99	Emergency Button Reset

N-Code	Description
N-1	Call canceled before arrival (Authorized by dispatchers/supervisors)
N-2	Duplication of another call
N-3	No complainant located
N-4	False alarm
N-5	Non-police incident
N-6	Prisoner transfer
N-7	Assist Fire, EMS, or other public agency
N-8	Call transferred to Case Desk/Badge on Floor (Used by the dispatcher)
N-9	Weather-related alarm

Patient Code	Description
Code Green	Patient is non-emergent
Code Yellow	Urgent Patient
Code Red	Immediate Patient
Code Blue	In or near full arrest
Code Black	Dead on Scene
Code Orange	Psychiatric

Signal Codes	Description
Signal 1	Armed and Dangerous
Signal 2	Resist Arrest
Signal 4	Suicidal
Signal 12	Communicable disease present
Signal 32	Wanted
Signal 33	Gang member/associate
Signal 35	Violent offender

### D. Terrorism Screening Center Codes:

Code	Description
Handling Code 1	Warning Approach With Caution. Arrest this individual. This individual is associated with terrorism. Immediately contact the Terrorist Screening Center at (866) 872-9001.
Handling Code 2	Warning Approach With Caution. Detain this individual for a reasonable amount of time for questioning. This individual is of investigative interest regarding terrorism. Immediately contact the Terrorist Screening Center at (866) 872-9001.

Handling Code 3	Warning Approach With Caution. The person queried through this search may be an individual identified by intelligence information as having possible ties with terrorism. Contact the Terrorist Screening Center at (866) 872-9001. Do not alert this subject to this notice. Ask probing questions to determine law enforcement interest. Do not arrest this individual unless there is evidence of a violation of law.
Handling Code 4	Warning Approach With Caution. The person queried through this search may be an individual identified by intelligence information as having possible ties with terrorism. Attempt to gain sufficient information to positively identify this individual. You may be contacted at a later date and asked to forward this information. If your investigation warrants further investigation based on circumstances consistent with terrorist activity, contact the Terrorist Screening Center at (866) 872-9001. Do not alert this subject to this notice. Do not arrest this individual unless there is evidence of a violation of law.

**E. General Guidelines:**

1. The following Radio Signals and Codes have been eliminated.

Signal Codes	Description
10-3	Stand-by
10-5	Relay
10-26	Check driver's license information
10-31	Emergency, all units stand by
10-38	Urgent response (silent run)
10-46X	DUI arrestee has two previous DUI convictions (Book for Felony DUI)
10-81	Call your spouse
Code 22	Armed-robbery-in-progress
Code 24	Burglary-in-progress
Code 28	Check computer for call
Signal 3	Psychiatric
Signal 11	Confirmation of mapping restrictions
Signal 35X	A.T.F Violent Offender